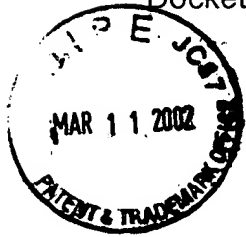


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Sir:

The shortened statutory period of time for response to the Office Action of August 28, 2001, expired on November 28, 2001. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action is February 28, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of

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